



Introduction to the Association of Immunization Managers

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Introduction to AIM

- Who we are
- History
- Structure and Governance
- Major activities
- 2009 Priorities
- Current challenges for Immunization Programs
- AIM Hepatitis activities



AIM : Who we are

- Represent the 64 federal immunization grantees
 - 50 states, 6 cities, 8 territories
- 501 (c) 3 nonprofit
- ASTHO Affiliate

AIM : Strategic Plan

Vision

A nation free of vaccine-preventable disease

Mission

Through advocacy, collaboration, and leadership, AIM represents state, local and territorial immunization projects to promote effective immunization policies, programs, and practices.



AIM : History

- 1999: Program managers gather to share information and stories at program managers meeting; decide to form organization
- 2001: Establish name; acquire 501(c)3 status
- 2003: Obtain CDC funding through cooperative agreement
- 2004: Hire Executive Director
- 2007: Create Research Coordinator position
- 2007: Establish dues structure
- 2008: Pass Funds Acceptance Policy
- 2008: Begin advocacy



AIM: Structure and Governance

- Membership
 - Active, Associate, Honorary
- Governed by Executive Committee
 - Chair, chair-elect, secretary-treasurer
 - 10 AIM members
 - Elected by AIM membership
- Managed by Executive Director
- 2 Part-time staff

AIM : Structure and Governance

- 7 policy committees
 - Finance/VFC, Registry, Programmatic, Epidemiology/Surveillance, Research, Nominations/Awards/Membership, Program Managers Meeting Planning
- 3 work groups
 - Vaccine storage and handling, Influenza, Vaccine distribution

AIM : Strategic Plan

Strategic goals/objectives in 6 areas:

- Advocacy
- Influence
- Communication
- Partnerships
- Training
- Growth



AIM : Major Activities

- Advocate for Section 317
- Policy Committees and Work Groups
(development of policies, letters, comments, etc.)
- Participation on national advisory committees (NVAC, ACIP)
- Monthly Executive Committee calls
- Monthly General Membership calls
- AIM Weekly Update (to membership)
- Partnership with CDC/NCIRD
- Annual in-person meetings
- Natalie J. Smith Award; Bull's-Eye Award
- Mentor network
- Research projects

AIM : 2009 Priorities

- Increase staff
- Establish training opportunities for members
- Enhance website
- Increase membership participation
- Develop infrastructure for expertise (policies, position statements, etc.)
- Enhance reputation (advocacy, media coverage)



Current Challenges for Immunization Programs

- Vaccine financing
- Vaccine safety – education of parents and providers
- Section 317 grant funding
- Transition to centralized vaccine distribution

AIM Hepatitis Activities

- Evaluation of Hepatitis B supplemental initiative (collaboration with NACCHO, CDC/DVH)
- Best practices: STD and Immunization integration
- Section 317 funding increases



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